



Public Works Department

NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

ENVIRONMENTAL



Join the War on Storm Drain Pollution. Did you know that dumping one quart of motor oil down a storm drain contaminates 250,000 gallons of water?

Urban runoff is water that flows into the gutter from rain storms, over watering of lawns, washing cars and other daily activities. As urban runoff flows over lawns, gardens, sidewalks, and streets, it carries off pollutants such as automobile oil and antifreeze, pesticides, pet waste, and litter into the storm drain system. The storm drain system collects water from the streets and transports it directly or indirectly to local water supplies, the Santa Ana River and the Pacific Ocean. Urban runoff from the storm drains is not filtered or treated.

Many people do not realize that dumping anything into a gutter or storm drain contributes to Nonpoint Source Pollution (NPS). This is one of the reasons why the City of Upland, along with 15 other local cities, and the San Bernardino County Transportation and Flood Control Department joined the **National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)**. The City recognizes the need for providing pollution prevention information, including but not limited to recommendations for smart gardening, information about household hazardous waste collection and friendly reminders about picking up after your pooch, to encourage active involvement in the improvement of our water quality.

Under the Federal Clean Water Act, persons or companies found guilty of dumping anything into storm drains can be fined up to \$25,000 per day. But by performing a few simple tasks, you can reduce the pollution of our waters and provide a clean and healthy environment for generations to come.

REMEMBER...
STORM DRAINS ARE FOR RAIN ONLY!

For more information:

- Contact Robert Herbster at (909) 291-2967 or via email at rherbster@ci.upland.ca.us
- Visit the San Bernardino County Stormwater Pollution Prevention website at <http://www.sbcountystormwater.org>.

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